

# COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Denver Police Department



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## COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICERS

The City of Denver is divided into six geographical districts, each under the direction of a single Commander. These districts are further divided by neighborhoods, which are assigned to Community Resource Officers (CRO's). While all officers of the Denver Police Department (DPD) are essentially the community's resource officers, the assigned CRO's act as a single point of contact between the community and the police department. The CRO's are unique in that they spend their working day assisting communities and neighborhoods with non-traditional police services.

CRO's are empowered to proactively solve problems, develop plans, with community input, that comprehensively address neighborhood concerns. The CRO's coordinate resources, often consisting of both government and non-government service providers, building partnerships, creating buy-in and support for solutions impacting community stakeholders. CRO's further build upon these relationships with neighborhoods and communities through regularly attending meetings, discussing crime trends and prevention programs, opening lines of communication between the police department and citizens. Communication between CRO's and the community increases legitimacy and trust between citizens and their police department. These communication efforts also include social media, which informs the community of prevention strategies and crime patterns allowing for timely information to be shared with all stakeholders.

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## Public Affairs Unit

**Victor Rodriguez-Tafoya (Executive Producer) - Telemundo Denver**

*Providing Spanish language interviews on current events and crime prevention.*

**Vanessa Bernal (Producer) – Univision Colorado**

*Providing Spanish language interviews on current events and crime prevention.*

**Spanish Facebook (launched in March 14, 2016)**

*One of the tools used to provide the community with vital information. It provides an opportunity for the Spanish-speaking community and DPD to interact via social media.*

**Carlos Ariel Castro (Director) – LaBuena Vida**

*Partnering with the magazine to provide crime prevention tips to the community and police recruiting efforts.*

**Andrea Martinez (Marketing Director) – HD Magazine**

*Partnering with the magazine to provide crime prevention tips to the community and police recruiting efforts.*

**Tiya Warren - Lexis/Nexis Cop-logic Solutions**

*Launching the online bike registration form into Spanish, another tool to assist the community in registering their bikes.*

**Spanish Language Citizen Academy**

*Giving the community an insight into how the department operates.*

**Attending District 2 Comunidades Unidas**

*Working with the Spanish-speaking community that lives in District 2.*

**District 4 Spanish Language CAB Meetings (quarterly)**

*Focusing on the Spanish-speaking community that lives in southwest Denver.*

**Translating Denver Police Crime Prevention Flyers into Spanish**

**Denver Police have partnered with JAMMIN 101.5 and FLO 107.1 to get public safety messages out to the community. We will provide information on personal safety, home safety and marijuana laws. Together we will host special events for the community throughout the city.**

*As a police department, we want to make sure that all of our community members have the opportunity to be heard and help them with any issues that they may have.*



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## Training Division

**Commander  
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### **Councilman Herndon's Northeast Denver Leadership Week**

*About 50 Denver High School students spend half a day at the Denver Police Academy exploring various aspects of our profession.*

### **Community Tours**

*The Police Academy provides numerous community tours throughout the year, including: Criminal Justice Students from Johnson and Wales University, three elementary schools, a preschool, South High School, and a Brownies troop.*

### **Halloween Party**

*The Denver Police Academy hosts the annual District 2 and 5 Halloween Party. This event allows for a safe environment for over a thousand children to enjoy this fun holiday.*

### **National Veteran Airgun Outreach Program**

*Hosted at our Firearms Range, this program works directly with disabled veterans in the sport of airgun competition, emphasizing the discipline of marksmanship in an environment that has been proven to relax, motivate, and building confidence in our veterans.*

### **Night at the Range**

*Benefiting the Police Activities League, an auction was held with the winner spending an evening at the range, participating in weapons handling and training.*

### **Recruiting**

*In order to build a diverse department that reflects our community, the Recruiting Unit regularly participates in events and job fairs, including:*

*Society of Hispanic Human Resources Job Fair*

*Holly Community Center Career Fair*

*Hire Talent Diversity Job Fair*

*Denver Urban League Job Fair*

*Juneteenth Festival*

*Pride Fest*

*My Brother's Keeper*

*The Recruiting Unit also uses Facebook for outreach to our community.*

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## District 1

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**Nita Gonzalez ~ Escuela Tlatelolco**

*Building relationships with Latino community by participating in events such as shopping with kids.*

**Veronica Barela ~ NEWSED**

*Working together to address neighborhood concerns and provide community advocacy. This relationship resulted in the closing of a predatory liquor store.*

**Rudy Gonzalez ~ Servicios de la Raza**

*Partnering on community relations, gang and domestic violence prevention programs.*

**Rabi Steinberg ~ Orthodox Jewish Community**

*Liaising to provide culture training to new officers and address community concerns.*

**Aubrey Lavizzo ~ La Alma/Lincoln Park**

*Conducting crime prevention efforts alongside community leaders and volunteers.*

**Gracie Casias ~ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

*Communicating crime prevention and community advocacy through the distribution of new resident information packets.*

**Cisco Gallardo - GRASP**

*Planning events to address gang outreach and prevention throughout the summer months.*

**Eric Garcia ~ Elevate Denver Church**

*Participating in youth outreach through door to door communication on gang prevention and partnerships with police.*

**Eloy Chavez ~ Ace Community Challenge School**

*Empowering youth through outreach to high risk kids, graffiti clean up and marijuana prevention programs.*

**Jude DeHerio ~ Confluence Ministries**

*Presenting to youth and adult in on-going community forums.*

**Brian Sederwall ~ Denver Dream Center**

*Reaching out to parolees and offenders through the faith-based community to conduct outreach.*

**Carlo Kriekels ~ YESS Institute**

*Teaching officers about the development of the adolescent brain to advance interactions between police and youth.*

**Angie Millipiai ~ Former RTD Board Member/Community Leader**

**Butch Montoya ~ Former Manager of Safety/Resident**

**Dave Romero ~ New Beginnings Church**

*Collaborating with the faith-based community to liaison with Latino community members on gang prevention and peace marches.*



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## **Brother Jeff ~ Brother Jeff's Cultural Center**

*Promoting safety in the community through events like Safe Summer/Safe Holly.*

## **Jazz in the Park**

*Coordinating jazz events that are held throughout the summer in City Park.*

## **Jason Torres ~ Boys and Girls Club**

*Sponsoring opportunities for officers to meet with young adults in a positive setting.*

## **Reverend Leon Kelly**

*Partnering to reduce gang violence throughout the city of Denver.*

## **Alvertis Simmons ~ Simmons Foundation**

*Hosting the esteemed annual summer basketball camp at East High School, which provides a wonderful opportunity for District 2 officers to interact with youth.*

## **Haroun Cowans ~ Impact Empowerment Group**

*Suppressing gang violence through ongoing programming.*

## **Todd McGuire ~ Curtis Park Neighbors**

*Facilitating crime reduction programs that address issues throughout the historic Curtis Park neighborhood.*

## **Nola Miguel ~ Comunidades Unidas**

*Providing an avenue for communication to Spanish speaking residents in the Elyria, Swansea and Globeville neighborhoods.*

## **Mark Ungar ~ Whittier Neighborhood Association**

*Building crime prevention/reduction efforts along the Downing Street corridor and sponsoring an annual summer event that honors District 2 officers.*

## District 2

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### **Community Resource Officers**



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# Community Relationships



## District 3

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### **Clayton Gonzalez ~ Urban Peak**

*Partnering to limit victimization to LGBT youth by building trust between police and the homeless youth that reside at this facility.*

### **Jenny Starkey ~ Cherry Creek North**

*Collaborating with the merchants in Cherry Creek North to disseminate crime prevention materials, share information and monitor trends to assist with the implementation of safety strategies.*

### **Nick LeMasters ~ Cherry Creek Mall**

*Building an alliance between DPD, security and the merchants of the only mall located in the City and County of Denver through conducting training for coordinated response to patterns and investigations.*

### **Marty Lavine ~ Broadway Merchant Association**

*Participating in the development of an ongoing association that addresses the unique problems merchants along the Broadway corridor face.*

### **Nancy Barlow ~ East Evans Business Association**

*Conducting prevention efforts to the business owners along the East Evans corridor in an attempt to share trends and patterns.*

### **Susan Vasalle ~ Leetsdale Cop Shop**

*Utilizing volunteers to build relationships in the community by providing an avenue for citizens to report crime and receive crime prevention strategy materials.*

### **Jeremy Shaver ~ Anti-Defamation League**

*Safeguarding the large Jewish Community in District 3 by partnering to provide information and intelligence on potential threats and coordinating community events.*

### **Dana Freisinger ~ Third Way Center**

*Providing positive interaction to troubled youth at this last-step housing option in order to provide alternatives to arrests.*

### **Michael Holt ~ University of Denver**

*Sharing crime information with security, faculty, students and surrounding neighborhoods to address crime trends and quality of life issues.*





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## District 4

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### NATHAN BEIRIGER

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#### **Ray Washington ~ Bigger Than Me**

*Participating in youth boxing programs, Suits for Success and other rehabilitation efforts with this organization.*

#### **Francisco Gamez ~ Hispanic Coalition**

*Building community relations with the Spanish speaking community and Spanish radio.*

#### **Father Joseph Dang and Tom Nguyen ~ Vietnamese Community**

*Working with the Vietnamese community through translation.*

#### **Jose Esparza ~ Business Culture**

*Addressing Westwood neighborhood concerns and improvements along Morrison Road.*

#### **Barbara Gessler/Barbara Fallon ~ Blue Bow Project**

*Promoting positive community support for law enforcement.*

#### **Lisa Calderon ~ Colorado Latino Forum**

*Collaborating to address concerns in the Latino community.*

#### **Rudy Gonzales ~ Servicios de la Raza**

*Assisting with food banks, employment programs and other services for the Latino community.*

#### **Veronica Barela ~ NEWSSED**

*Partnering to address housing concerns for the Latino community.*

#### **Marco Martinez ~ BUCU/MGM/Toys in the Hood**

*Advocating for children through formalized programs.*

#### **Lenny Ward ~ Strive Prep Academy**

*Forming strong relationships between police and students.*

#### **William Rodriguez ~ Praise Center**

*Contributing to housing, food bank and community services.*

#### **Rich Casias ~ Knights of Columbus**

*Partaking in community programs and holiday events that benefit local children.*

#### **Rodger Alley ~ Cornerstone Baptist Church**

*Supporting youth development programs and neighborhood clean-ups.*

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## **Eric Herbst ~ Community HUB at Northfield**

*Coordinating opportunities for the community to interact with police through events at the Community HUB Cop Shop.*

## **Angela Robertson ~ Push Academy**

*Participating in the Mayor's 5280 challenge to build positive relationships between police and youth in Northeast Denver.*

## **Loretta Pineda ~ Environmental Learning for Kids**

*Collaborating to provide year round afterschool and weekend programs for youth in Northeast Denver.*

## **Rich Barrows ~ Boys and Girls Club**

*Providing afterschool/full-day youth programs and co-sponsoring community events with police.*

## **Shelli Brown ~ Steps to Success**

*Preventing youth violence and delinquency through partnerships.*

## **Anne White ~ Montbello 2020**

*Assisting with communicating crime prevention messages to Montbello residents.*

## **Latoya Petty ~ Family Forward Resources**

*Promoting healthy family values through community events.*

## **Joel Hodge ~ Struggle of Love Foundation**

*Working to prevent gang membership by hosting social activities for underprivileged youth in Northeast Denver.*

## **Beverly Haddon ~ Stapleton Foundation**

**Tom Gleason, Tasha Jones, Diana Fiore and Virginia Butler ~ Forest City**

*Messaging crime prevention to citizens through support of the Community HUB Cop Shop.*

## **Diane Deeter ~ Stapleton Master Community**

*Planning community engagement events between police and community members at the Stapleton/Northfield retail and open spaces.*

## **Micaela Duffy ~ Green Valley Ranch**

*Involving GVR residents in community events and messaging crime prevention.*

## **Angie Malpiede ~ North East Transportation**

*Fostering healthy lifestyles by sponsoring walking and cycling and walking events at the Northfield Community HUB.*

## **Andres Chaparro ~ Telemundo Denver**

*Communicating crime prevention and safety strategy to the Spanish speaking community in District 5.*

## **Jeff Norman ~ MaxMedia Denver**

*Delivering crime prevention and safety messaging to a wide range of citizens through radio.*

## District 5

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#### **Michael Walker ~ Church in the City**

*Collaborating on homeless issues in D6.*

#### **Sable Schultz ~ The Center**

*Coordinating efforts surrounding issues that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual persons face in D6.*

#### **Nadine Bridges – Rainbow Alley**

*Assisting in providing safe alternatives to GLBT youth.*

#### **Sharon Knight ~ Warren Village**

*Assisting with any problems arising from single parent families. D6 provides a free fun family night for this group each year.*

#### **Tom Luehrs ~ St. Francis Center**

*Coordinating day center usage for homeless in D6.*

#### **Stephanie Walters ~ Samaritan House**

*Working with homeless families on issues that affect them.*

#### **Lisa Raville ~ Harm Reduction Action Center**

*Assisting with needle exchange program.*

#### **Stella Madrid ~ Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

*Advising DHA of crime occurring within their communities.*

#### **Roger Armstrong ~ Capitol Hill United Neighbors**

*Partnering to facilitate a crime-free and vibrant community.*

#### **Nancy Cole ~ Golden Triangle Association**

*Working together to create a crime-free neighborhood.*

#### **Tami Door ~ Downtown Denver Partnership**

*Coordinating efforts to address issues in the BID area.*

#### **Byron McDaniel ~ Brookfield Property Partners**

*Addressing crime prevention with the downtown building security group.*

#### **Jay and Kathleen Rust ~ Cheesman Park Conservancy**

*Disseminating crime stats to address area resident issues.*

#### **Brad Meuli ~ Denver Rescue Mission**

*Partnering address issues at the facility and in neighborhood.*

#### **Kazumasa Kondo ~ Japanese Consul**

*Working with Consul in order to benefit Japanese citizens.*

#### **Deb Palmieri ~ Russian Consul**

*Conducting crime prevention efforts in neighborhood.*

#### **Carlos Contrera ~ Service Employees International Union**

*Assisting on self-expression activity planned by group.*

#### **Veronica Barela ~ NEWS&ED CDC**

*Working together on annual events planned by D6.*

#### **Julie Romero – Senior Support Services**

*Assisting seniors in this highly transient neighborhood.*



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## Special Operations

**Commander**

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### **DUI Unit**

**Mothers Against Drunk Drivers**

*Supporting MADD by attending meetings.*

**Regis University**

*Interacting with students while educating them on the dangers of driving under the influence.*

**City Attorney's Office**

*Supporting marijuana enforcement through DUID education.*

**Denver Public Schools**

*Providing education on driving while impaired.*

### **City Enforcement**

**Denver Public Schools**

*Providing safe school zones through enforcement efforts.*

**Bonnie Brae**

*Conducting automobile/pedestrian safety training.*

**Stapleton**

*Enforcing traffic safety laws in response to citizen complaints.*

**Colorado Avalanche**

*Participating in community outreach and teaching citizens about traffic safety.*

### **Highway Unit**

**Denver Fire Department**

*Honoring fallen firefighters by providing escorts during memorial observations.*

**Federal Highway Administration**

*Partnering to address highway safety issues with TIMS training.*

**Swansea Neighborhood Association**

*Ensuring compliance in neighborhoods by conducting overweight truck enforcement efforts.*

### **Bomb Squad**

**Colorado Rockies Baseball**

*Training Coors Field employees on IED awareness.*

**Mental Health Center of Denver**

*Strengthening relationships with mental health providers by providing training on preparing and responding to bomb threats.*

### **Metro SWAT and K-9 Units**

**Denver Police Academy**

*Conducting community outreach by participating in the Citizen's and Children's Academies and Halloween Party.*

**Denver Public Schools**

*Teaching youth about police operations through K9 and SWAT demonstrations.*